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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A ~~An improved~~ locked-center idler ~~having~~ comprising:

a pulley supported by a bearing, said bearing mounted upon a tension adjusting member~~, the improvement comprising:~~, said tension adjusting member being in communication with a dual function fastener that fixes said idler to a mount and that frictionally engages said tension adjusting member to adjust ~~adjusts~~ tension of said pulley on a power transmission belt as said fastener is tightened to fix said idler to said mount.

2. (Currently Amended) The locked-center idler ~~improvement~~ of claim 1 wherein said tension adjusting member comprises a cylindrical portion adapted to cooperate with an inner portion of a bearing and an eccentric bore axially there through.

3. (Currently Amended) The locked-center idler ~~improvement~~ of claim 1 wherein said tension adjusting member comprises a reaction friction surface and a resistance friction surface.

4. (Currently Amended) The locked-center idler ~~improvement~~ of claim 3 wherein said reaction friction surface cooperates with a reaction mating surface of said dual function fastener to produce a reaction torque upon said tension adjusting member greater than a resistance torque produced by a cooperation of said resistance friction surface with a mounting surface.

5. (Currently Amended) The locked-center idler ~~improvement~~ of claim 1 wherein said tension adjusting member comprises an arm with a pulley mounting portion and a dual function fastener receiving bore.

6. (Currently Amended) The locked-center idler ~~improvement~~ of claim 1 wherein said tension adjusting member comprises a cylindrical portion adapted to cooperate with an inner portion of a bearing, a pivot extending axially and offset from the center of said cylindrical portion, a curved slot opening through the length of said cylindrical portion and having a mean curvature with an arc that defines a radius about said pivot.

7. (Currently Amended) A locked-center idler comprising:

a pulley supported by a bearing

said bearing mounted upon a tension adjusting member, and

said tension adjusting member in communication with a dual function fastener that fixes said idler to a mount and that frictionally engages said adjusting member to adjust ~~adjusts~~ tension of said pulley on a power transmission belt as said fastener is tightened to fix said idler to said mount.

8. (Original) The locked-center idler of claim 7 wherein said tension adjusting member comprises a cylindrical portion adapted to cooperate with an inner portion of a bearing and an eccentric bore axially there through.

9. (Original) The locked-center idler of claim 7 wherein said tension adjusting member comprises a reaction friction surface and a resistance friction surface.

10. (Original) The locked-center idler of claim 9 wherein said reaction friction surface cooperates with an reaction mating surface of said dual function fastener to produce a reaction torque upon said tension adjusting member greater than a resistance torque produced by a cooperation of said resistance surface with a mounting surface.

11. (Original) The locked-center idler of claim 7 wherein said tension adjusting member comprises an arm with a pulley mounting portion and a dual function fastener receiving bore.

12. (Previously Presented) The locked-center idler of claim 7 wherein said tension adjusting member comprises a cylindrical portion adapted to cooperate with an inner portion of a bearing, a pivot extending axially and offset from the center of said cylindrical portion, a curved slot opening through the length of said cylindrical portion and having a mean curvature with an arc that defines a radius about said pivot.

13. (Currently Amended) A method of applying tension to a belt drive power transmission system comprising the steps of:

providing a pulley assembly,

mounting said pulley assembly upon a tension adjusting member,

attaching said tension adjusting member upon a mount that is substantially immobile in relation to an engine cylinder block with a dual function fastener, said dual function fastener frictionally engaging said tension adjusting member,

training a power transmission belt about said pulley assembly,

applying tension to said power transmission belt by applying a tightening torque to said dual function fastener and thereby frictionally engaging and rotating said tension adjusting member, and

fixing the position of said tension adjusting member by applying said tightening torque to said dual function fastener.